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Testimony of Joseph J. Summers

Public Safety and Security Committee Public Hearing

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Chairman Dargan, Chairman Larson, Members of the Public Safety and Security Committee, for the record my name Joseph Summers from Hebron and I am here to testify in **opposition** of:

HB-5545 – AN ACT CONCERNING THE APPLICABILITY OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE STATE BUILDING CODE TO FAIRS AND FESTIVALS

I would like to thank the committee allowing me to submit testimony here today.

This is a requirement of the National Electrical Code and is a life safety issue. The passage of this bill has the potential of creating injuries or even deaths as a result of electrocution if a portable structure is located too closely to overhead conductors over 600 volts.

Connecticut General Statutes has procedures for making amendments to the state building code through the Codes and Standards committee that need to be followed instead of through legislation.

Sec. 29-254. Amendments to code. Variations and exemptions. (a) Any town, city or borough or any interested person may propose amendments to the State Building Code, which proposed amendments may be either applicable to all municipalities or, where it is alleged and established that conditions exist within a municipality which are not generally found within other municipalities, any such amendment may be restricted in application to such municipality.

Respectfully submitted,

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